

Operating and Permit Requirements for Septage Haulers

1. Permit Fee - Please refer to County Ordinance Section 8.02.70(F).
2. Each vehicle must be inspected by this Department and its design and operation shall comply with the following.
 - a. The vehicle must be clearly identified by business name, address, and the telephone number on both sides of the vehicle. The letters shall be a minimum of three inches (3") in height and fully visible and legible at all times.
 - b. Vehicles are to meet all standards established by other government agencies including, but not limited to:
 1. Vehicular emissions
 2. Safety equipment or OSHA standards
 3. Noise levels
 4. Applicable California Highway Patrol Inspections
 - c. An up-to-date service log must be maintained, kept with the vehicle, and made available for inspection upon request. Minimum information to be recorded at time of service shall be date, time, location, and type of service, as well as the number of gallons pumped from each location. The date, time, location, and total number of gallons dumped shall also be recorded when the truck is emptied.
 - d. All vehicles used for the collection of waste in a liquid form shall be equipped with a reliable tank content level indicator, shall be water tight, and have water tight covers on the manholes and fittings. The content level indicator shall be located adjacent to a manual vacuum shut-off device.
 - e. All discharge valves or gates shall be operated from the valves or gates themselves and not by controls within the cab of the truck.
 - f. Contents shall be discharged through a closed line without spilling or splashing and all valves shall shut tightly without difficulty.
 - g. The discharge line shall be equipped with a leakproof cap which shall be fitted over the outlet pipe at all times, except when the contents of the tank are being discharged. This cap shall be securely attached to the vehicle by a chain or similar device as approved by the Health Officer.
 - f. Contents shall be discharged through a closed line without spilling or splashing and all valves shall shut tightly without difficulty.
 - h. An automatic vacuum shut-off must be provided.
 - i. All pumps shall be leak proof and all lines used for the pumping or cleaning of waste disposal systems shall be furnished by the permittee.
 - j. All vehicles shall be kept clean of splashing and waste accumulation. All vehicles shall be kept in good repair, and not leaking oil or other fluids onto the surface ground.
 - k. All water used in cleaning lines and equipment shall be discharged into an approved sewage disposal system or disposal site.
 - l. Each vehicle shall carry a minimum of five (5) gallons of fresh water on the vehicle.
 - m. Each vehicle shall carry a garden hose of at least twenty five (25) feet in length and one (1) gallon of disinfectant for cleaning spillage.
 - n. The vacuum air discharge must be located above the vehicle and directed upward.
 - o. An adequate length of discharge hose must be provided sufficient to safely discharge into the disposal site containment area. While in storage the hose must be capped at both ends.
 - p. Truck mounted auxiliary lighting is required for safe night operations, unless restricted to daytime operations only.

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